
WELCOME TO

**First United
Methodist Church**

MECHANICSBURG, PA



HE SHOWED THEM HIS SCARS

**“He Showed Them
His Scars”**

FOUNDATION SERVICE

APRIL 7, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship

Hymn
"Easter People, Raise Your Voices" - No. 304

Opening Prayer

Hymn
"He Is Lord" - No. 177

Scripture
John 20:19-31

Sermon
"He Showed Them His Scars"

Choir Anthem
"We Remember You"

Invitation, Confession and Pardon
Sharing Signs of Peace
The Great Thanksgiving for Easter Season
The Lord's Prayer and The Bread & Cup
Announcements & Offering

Closing Hymn
"Crown Him with Many Crowns" - No. 327

Benediction
Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist.....Al Robinson

Accompanist.....Brandon Rhody

Special Music.....Sounds of Worship

Sound and Media.....Fred Espenshade, Holly Kurten, Jim Robinson, Taylor Shepley

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THE GATHERING SERVICE

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Welcome

Praise and Worship

"Because of Jesus"

"A Thousand Hallelujahs"

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

"Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"

Scripture

John 20:19-31

Sermon

"He Showed Them His Scars"

Communion Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Communion

Announcements & Offering

"What a Beautiful Name"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader.....Al Robinson

Worship Team.....Emily Hammaker, Allison Ometz, Sarah Pugh

Sound and Media..... Fred Espenshade, Holly Kurten, Jim Robinson, Taylor Shepley

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

WEEK OF APRIL 7

Moms In Prayer
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Pickleball in the Park
Tuesday, 5 p.m.

Covered In Love
Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

WEEK OF APRIL 14

Mom Connection
Monday, 6 p.m.

Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Food Trucks
Friday, 4:30 - 8 p.m.

*Scan here or
visit our website at
fumchurch.com for
more details on all
of our upcoming
events!*



WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

WEEK OF APRIL 7

Sunday	Worship
Monday	Acts 3:12-19
Tuesday	Psalm 4
Wednesday	I John 3:1-7
Thursday	Luke 24:13-32
Friday	Luke 24:33-48
Saturday	Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of
God by the Guyer Sunday school class.

TEACHING NOTES

“He Showed Them His Scars”

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”²⁰ After he said this, **he showed them his hands and his side**. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

John 20:19-20

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, **“Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side**. Do not doubt but believe.”²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”

John 20:26-28

1. His scars remind us that **Jesus suffers with us**.

¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who **in every respect** has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:15-16

2. His scars remind us that **Jesus suffered for us.**

⁵ But he was **wounded** for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the **punishment** that made us whole,
and **by his bruises we are healed.**

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and **the Lord has laid on him**
the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:5-6

*In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the **atoning sacrifice for our sins.***

1 John 4:10

3. His scars remind us that **Jesus defeated death.**

*Jesus said to him, "Have you **believed** because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to **believe.**"*

John 20:29

"Peace be with you."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

Adult Sunday School | Sundays, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

With six classes to choose from, there is something for everyone! Visit our website, fumchurch.com, for the most up-to-date listing of classes and the topics they are studying. If you have questions, contact Lisa Aronson (uthrock@fumchurch.com).

Wednesday Night Men's Group | First and Third Wednesdays, 8 p.m.

This group enjoys great fellowship while focusing on discussion-based Bible studies. Dive deeper into the Gospel of Matthew as you discuss Jesus's life, death and resurrection in their current study about Easter by Pastor J.D. Greear. Contact John Bowen or Bob Wertz, Jr. for more information.

Wednesday Bible Study | Begins April 10, 6:45 p.m.

Join Pastor Denny for a new five-week study, "Exploring Spiritual Guidance: The Spirit of Christ" (part 5 of the full "Companions in Christ" study series) in room B003. Together, you'll explore the different ways we give and receive spiritual guidance through one-on-one conversation, small group accountability and Christian community. If you haven't previously participated in the study series, the workbook cost is \$8. Sign up at our website (fumchurch.com), on the Church Center app or by contacting Pastor Denny (pastordenny@fumchurch.com).

PRAYING FOLLOWER

Share Your Joys and Prayer Concerns With Us!

Green prayer cards are located in the pews and at the prayer station under the balcony. Fill one out during worship and place it in the offering basket or Janice Bowen's mailbox. You can also contact Janice directly (wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611, ext. 112).

Moms in Prayer | Mondays, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Join us as we unite with women around the world in praying for our children and grandchildren through Moms in Prayer International. Our prayer group meets in room 105, and all mothers and grandmothers are invited! All prayers remain confidential within the group. Please contact Deb Noss if you have questions or want to join this group.

PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

Online Worship

Worship with us and invite others to join any time of the week! Check out our livestream at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays or watch recorded messages on our YouTube and Facebook pages 24/7. If you're unable to access online worship services, contact Janice Bowen (wecare@fumchurch.com) for other ways to connect to First Church.

DEDICATED MISSIONARY

Church Work Day | THIS SATURDAY, April 13, 8 a.m.

Anyone is welcome to come to the Trustees' annual Work Day at the church and parsonage to help with outdoor cleanup, mulching and other projects. Please bring gardening equipment if you have any.

April Mission Focus: Camp and Retreat Ministry

The Susquehanna Conference Camp and Retreat Ministry provides a space for people to encounter God and His creation in a Christ-centered community. The CRM offers camp programs for people of a variety of ages, interests, and abilities. On top of going as a camper, First Church offers ample opportunities to support this ministry as a volunteer, donor or prayer partner. Learn more at the display in the main entrance hallway or at suscrm.org.

RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Retirement Celebration for Pastor Denny and Betsy | Sunday, June 9, 4:30-7 p.m.

Join us to honor Pastor Denny and Betsy Keller for their many years of faithful service and joyfully celebrate their retirement! We will begin with a potluck dinner at 4:30 p.m. Please bring a side dish to share (we'll provide chicken, dessert and beverages). After dinner, a brief program will be held from about 5:30-6 p.m., followed by fun, fellowship and games until 7 p.m. Space will be limited so if you plan to attend, please register by May 19 at fumchurch.com or on the Church Center app. You can also register by contacting the church office (office@fumchurch.com or [717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611)).

First Step Gathering | NEXT SUNDAY, April 14, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

New to First Church or haven't been around for a while? Stop by room 207 to get to know Pastor Denny, our staff and other newcomers, and learn about opportunities to take your next step in faith at First Church. Register for this event on our website (fumchurch.com), on the Church Center app or by contacting Katie Knorr (kidscount@fumchurch.com).

GENEROUS GIVER

Change for Water

Water is the foundation of our very lives. Yet, according to the United Nations, over 2 billion people around the world lack access to clean, readily available drinking water. Help us to support well-digging efforts in Africa by dropping your loose change (or even paper bills) into the blue Change for Water bucket in the lobby in front of the multipurpose room.

KIDS

Stay Connected!

Want to know more about First Church Kids? Check out our landing page or contact Director of Children and Family Ministries Katie Knorr (kidscount@fumchurch.com).

Wee Worship and Kids Worship

Every Sunday these special worship programs are held (for kids through fifth grade) at the 11 a.m. service.

**Vacation Bible School |
July 15-19**

YOUTH

Keep in Touch!

Help us connect with you so that you don't miss any of the fun!

- Join our Remind text list (text @4Gyo to 81010).
- Follow our Instagram (@fourgyouthministry).
- Like us on Facebook (4G — First United Methodist Youth Group).
- Email Lisa to receive emails about all things First Church Youth.

Coming Up

Youth Sunday | April 14

Mission Trip | June 30-July 6

Thanks for joining us in worship!

8:30 a.m.	FOUNDATION SERVICE (Traditional)
9:45 a.m.	SUNDAY SCHOOL (View classes at fumchurch.com)
11 a.m.	THE GATHERING SERVICE (Modern)
4 p.m.	REJOICING SPIRITS (Fourth Sunday of each month)

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another and Our Neighbors

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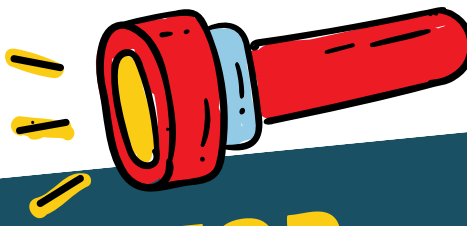


FIRST STEP GATHERING

Sunday, April 14 | 9:45-10:45 a.m. | Room 207

Get to know Pastor Denny and the staff, learn about First Church and determine the best next step to grow in your faith!

Sign up at funchurch.com, on the Church Center app, or by contacting Katie Knorr (kidscount@funchurch.com).



REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP!

GROW IN FAITH // MAKE LIFELONG FRIENDS
ENJOY NATURE // HAVE FUN



SPECIAL OFFERS:

Early Bird Discount - Save \$25 if you register by May 1.

Sibling Discount - Register the one camper at full price, and additional siblings receive a \$25 discount.

Invite-a-Friend Gift - Invite a friend who has never been to camp and receive \$50 off the cost of camp.

Financial Assistance - First Church will pay half of your camp fees!



TO LEARN ABOUT:

- Financial assistance for campers
- Details on discounts
- What to expect at camp
- Becoming a prayer partner
- Volunteering as a camp dean, nurse or counselor
- Working at camp
- Camp site workdays

**CONTACT OUR FIRST CHURCH
CAMP COORDINATORS!**



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Visit suscrm.org to register and see a complete list of 2024 camps!